



CLASSIC CHINAWARE

## THE FOUR DEFINITIVE CLASSIC BASINS

THE GREAT CLASSIC BATHROOMS OF THE PAST COVERED FOUR DISTINCT PERIODS IN HISTORY. THE FIRST WAS THE CURVACEOUS VICTORIAN STYLE INTRODUCED AROUND 1870 (LISSA DOON). THERE WAS THEN A GAP TILL THE MORE STRUCTURED FEATURES OF THE POST EDWARDIAN SANITARYWARE WHICH ORIGINATED AFTER THE TURN OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AROUND 1918 (CHARTERHOUSE). SIMULTANEOUSLY IN FRANCE THEY WERE DEVELOPING THEIR OWN TURN OF THE CENTURY STYLE (LA CHAPELLE) BEAUTIFULLY FEMININE AND OF COURSE PERFECTLY PROPORTIONED. LATER AFTER THE GREAT WAR IN THE MID TWENTIES AND THIRTIES THE DECO MOVEMENT TOOK HOLD AND A MORE SOLID, ANGULAR DESIGN DEVELOPED (METROPOLE). IT HAS TAKEN CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH TO FIND THE BEST EXAMPLES OF EACH STYLE AND I WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO THANK THE VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM FOR ALL THEIR KIND HELP. HOWEVER FOR ALL MY RESEARCH THESE BASINS WERE ACTUALLY LOCATED IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES. EACH PIECE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY REWORKED AND DUPLICATED FOR MODERN PRODUCTION WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR THEIR ORIGINAL CLASSIC PROPORTIONS. HOMES BUILT AT VARYING TIMES CAN NOW BE RE-UNITED WITH THEIR ORIGINAL SANITARYWARE. THESE ARE I BELIEVE THE DEFINITIVE FOUR GREAT EXAMPLES OF CLASSIC CHINA SANITARYWARE.

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LEFROY BROOKS



LISSA DOON  
*Scotland 1870*  
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CHARTER HOUSE  
*England 1918*  
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LA CHAPELLE  
*Paris 1902*  
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*New York 1932*  
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# LISSA DOON



LISSA DOON, A LEGENDARY SCOTTISH CASTLE HALF LOST IN THE MIST OF TIME, WAS HOME TO THE DUKES OF BALDOYLE FOR MANY GENERATIONS. IT WAS RESTORED IN 1876 BY JOHN JAMES BALDOYLE THE FIFTH EARL. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM A 'GRAND TOUR' FULL OF INSPIRATION FROM EUROPE'S FINEST CLASSICAL FURNITURE

HE COMMISSIONED LOCAL CRAFTSMEN. THE ORIGINALS FOR THIS BATHROOM SANITARYWARE WERE DESIGNED AT THIS TIME. THESE PIECES ARE AS THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURED IN GLASGOW SCOTLAND AND NATURALLY WE NAME THE RANGE LISSA DOON.

LISSA DOON THREE HOLE BASIN LB 7503 WITH PEDESTAL LB 7504  
W620 x D505 x H955mm

WL 1224 CERAMIC LEVER LONG NOSE TAP WITH POP-UP WASTE

FINISHES - SILVER NICKEL, CHROME, ANTIQUE GOLD AND SATIN NICKEL.





tubular  
stand



OPPOSITE PAGE  
LISSA DOON BASIN  
WITH STAND LB 4970  
AND THREE HOLE  
BASIN TAP WITH  
POP-UP WASTE  
LB 1224  
W620 x D505 x H955mm

LISSA DOON BASIN  
LB 7503 WITH  
CERAMIC LEVER  
THREE HOLE BASIN  
TAP AND POP-UP  
WASTE WL 1224  
W620 x D505 x H955mm

ALSO AVAILABLE  
LB 7501 ONE HOLE  
BASIN AND LB 7502  
TWO HOLE BASIN

FINISHES - SILVER NICKEL,  
CHROME, ANTIQUE GOLD  
AND SATIN NICKEL.

LISSA DOON CLOSE COUPLED PAN  
LB 7507 AND CISTERN LB 7508 WITH  
CERAMIC LEVER LB 1307  
W462 x D715 x H780mm

LISSA DOON ONE HOLE BIDET  
LB 7505 SHOWN WITH MONOBLOC  
AND POP-UP WASTE LB 1199  
W385 x D580 x H390mm

FINISHES - SILVER NICKEL,  
CHROME, ANTIQUE GOLD  
AND SATIN NICKEL.

CISTERN FITTINGS SOLD  
SEPARATELY LB 7599



# CHARTERHOUSE



CHARTERHOUSE CHASE IS  
ONE OF THOSE GLORIOUS  
EXAMPLES OF PALLADIAN  
FRONTED GEORGIAN HOUSES  
FOUND ONLY IN  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE OR THE  
VERY DEPTHS OF THE HOME  
COUNTIES. I HAD BEEN A  
GUEST IN THE LATE  
SEVENTIES AND REMEMBER  
BEING STRUCK BY ITS  
ALMOST PERFECT SETTING

BY THE RIVER AVON. THE  
HOUSE IS AS ENGLISH AS  
ENGLAND GETS WITH ITS  
MELLOWED WORN INTERIORS,  
TREASURES COLLECTED BY  
GENERATIONS OF THE FAMILY  
FROM THE FURTHEST  
REACHES OF THE EMPIRE  
AND IN PARTICULAR A  
SERIES OF MAGNIFICENT  
BATHROOMS.



WHEN RECENTLY I EMBARKED ON MY QUEST FOR THE BEST EXAMPLES OF PERIOD STYLE SANITARYWARE I CONTACTED MY ERSTWHILE HOST AND WAS IMMEDIATELY SUMMONED TO LUNCH THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY. THE BASIN AND LAVATORY I HAVE CHOSEN ARE TYPICAL OF MANY MANUFACTURED AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. THIS PARTICULAR SUITE IS JUST PERFECT. THE DEEP BASIN, HIGH UPSTAND,

TAPERED PILLAR AND VISIBLE 'BELLY' BELOW A NARROW RIM COMBINE IN PERFECT PROPORTION. I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO CALL IT CHARTERHOUSE AND OFFER MY DEEP GRATITUDE FOR NOT ONE BUT TWO VERY MEMORABLE WEEKENDS.

OPPOSITE PAGE AND BELOW CHARTERHOUSE THREE HOLE BASIN LB 7203 WITH PEDESTAL LB 7204 SHOWN WITH THREE HOLE LONG NOSE TAP AND POP-UP WASTE LB 1220 W610 x D450 x H940mm

ALSO AVAILABLE LB 7201 ONE HOLE BASIN LB 7202 TWO HOLE BASIN

FINISHES - SILVER NICKEL, CHROME, ANTIQUE GOLD AND SATIN NICKEL.





LEFROY BROOKS CLASSIC  
CLOSE COUPLED PAN  
LB 7207 AND CISTERN  
LB 7208 WITH CERAMIC  
LEVER LB 1307 AND  
WC SEAT LB 7241  
W465 x D710 x H745mm



LEFROY BROOKS  
CLASSIC BIDET  
LB 7205 WITH  
MONOBLOC AND  
POP-UP WASTE  
LB 1199  
W385 x D595 x H396mm

FINISHES - SILVER NICKEL,  
CHROME, ANTIQUE GOLD  
AND SATIN NICKEL.

CISTERN FITTINGS SOLD  
SEPARATELY LB 7299

L A C H A P E L L E



WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO UNEARTH IN THE HULTON GETTY ARCHIVE AN EARLY PHOTOGRAPH, AROUND 1918, OF A CAFE IN THE 'LA CHAPELLE' DISTRICT OF PARIS. THE CURIOUS GHOSTING OF THE WAITER IS DUE TO THE LONG EXPOSURE NEEDED AT THE TIME.



A SKIP IN A NARROW SIDE STREET OF PARIS MAY BE A STRANGE PLACE TO FIND INSPIRATION FOR A GREAT CLASSIC. HOWEVER THIS BASIN AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED BIDET AND LAVATORY ARE I BELIEVE ONE OF THE TRULY HISTORIC SUITES OF EUROPEAN SANITARYWARE. CINQ ST. SOPHIE HAS YIELDED UP THE MOST WONDERFUL



EXAMPLE OF TURN OF THE CENTURY FRENCH CHINAWARE. THE HONEST, BOLD, AND EXACT GEOMETRY ARE A MARVEL OF CLASSIC VISION. RESEARCH SUGGESTS THE BASIN WAS DEVELOPED BY HENRI BLANC, YOUNGER SON OF LOUIS BLANC WHO HAD BEGUN A SANITARYWARE BUSINESS NEAR ORSAY OUTSIDE PARIS. THE FACTORY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ESTABLISHED AROUND 1902 IN THE 18TH ARRONDISSEMENT AT 'LA CHAPELLE'.

NARROW  
LA CHAPELLE  
BASIN LB 7723  
AND PEDESTAL  
LB 7724 WITH  
THREE HOLE  
TAP CH 1224  
W570 x D460  
x H905mm

LA CHAPELLE  
BASIN LB 7703  
AND PEDESTAL  
LB 7724 WITH  
CERAMIC LEVER  
TAP AND POP-UP  
WASTE WL 1224  
W720 x D535 x H905mm

ALSO AVAILABLE  
LB 7701 ONE HOLE  
BASIN AND LB 7702  
TWO HOLE BASIN

FINISHES - SILVER  
NICKEL, CHROME,  
ANTIQUÉ GOLD AND  
SATIN NICKEL.



perfect proportions

LA CHAPELLE CONSOLE  
BASIN LB 7733 WITH  
CERAMIC LEGS LB 7713 AND  
CERAMIC LEVER TAP WL 1224  
W1000 x D570 x H855mm

ALSO AVAILABLE LB 7731  
ONE TAP HOLE BASIN

FINISHES - SILVER NICKEL,  
CHROME, ANTIQUE GOLD  
AND SATIN NICKEL.

OPPOSITE PAGE  
LA CHAPELLE 57CM BASIN  
LB 7723 WITH CERAMIC  
LEVER TAP AND POP-UP  
WASTE WL 1224

ALSO AVAILABLE LB 7721  
ONE HOLE BASIN AND  
LB 7722 TWO HOLE BASIN



la chapelle

WE HAVE CONTINUED HENRI'S  
VISION BY PRODUCING THE  
CHINAWARE IN ITS ORIGINAL  
FORM. THE BASIN USES TWICE  
THE AMOUNT OF CLAY AS A  
CONTEMPORARY EQUIVALENT.  
IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO  
ME THAT THESE PERFECT  
PROPORTIONS, FOUR SIDED  
PILLAR AND GENEROUS,  
SENSUOUS FEEL WERE  
MAINTAINED, IRRESPECTIVE

OF COST. HENRI WAS  
PROUD TO HAVE MOVED THE  
FACTORY INTO THIS BUSTLING  
COMMERCIAL AREA OF PARIS  
AND BEGAN STAMPING  
'LA CHAPELLE' ON HIS  
PRODUCTS - WE ARE  
HAPPY TO CONTINUE THE  
TRADITION.



french style

OPPOSITE PAGE  
LA CHAPELLE CLOSE  
COUPLED PAN LB 7707  
AND CISTERN LB 7708  
WITH CERAMIC LEVER  
LB 1307 AND WC  
SEAT LB 7740  
W510 x D695 x H790mm

CONNAUGHT BRUSH  
AND POT WITH WALL  
BRACKET LB 4503

LA CHAPELLE BIDET  
LB 7705 WITH BIDET  
MONOBLOC AND POP-UP  
WASTE CH 1199  
W375 x D600 x H385mm

THIS PAGE  
HIGH LEVEL CISTERN  
LB 7711 WITH CERAMIC  
CHAIN PULL LB 1310 AND  
HIGH LEVEL PAN LB 7709  
WITH WC SEAT LB 7740  
W510 x D695 x Variable Height  
Max: 2330, Min: 2130mm

ALSO AVAILABLE LB 7708  
LOW LEVEL CISTERN WITH  
LOW LEVEL PAN LB 7709  
W510 x D695 x Variable Height  
Max: 1100, Min: 965mm

CERAMIC PAPER  
HOLDER LB 4500

FINISHES - SILVER NICKEL,  
CHROME, ANTIQUE GOLD  
AND SATIN NICKEL.

CISTERN FITTINGS, FLUSH  
PIPE AND BRACKETS TO BE  
ORDERED SEPARATELY



high level

# M E T R O P O L E

BY THE NINETEEN THIRTIES BRITISH SANITARYWARE MANUFACTURERS HAD BEGUN EXPORTING TO THE 'NEW WORLD'. THIS CLASSIC SUITE IN THE DECO DISCIPLINE APPEARED IN MANY FINE MANHATTAN APARTMENTS AND HOTELS. THE PARTICULAR EXAMPLE I HAVE CHOSEN FOR ITS ALMOST PERFECT PROPORTIONS AND STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE 1930S STYLE WAS IN FACT DISCOVERED IN A LOFT CONVERSION IN TRIBECA. IT HAD ORIGINALLY COME OUT OF THE FAMOUS METROPOLE HOTEL OFF CENTRAL PARK DURING A REFURBISHMENT IN THE NINETEEN SEVENTIES. IN A CURIOUS 'PLAY BACK' OF

HISTORY IT WAS RETURNED TO OUR FACTORY IN ENGLAND AND FAITHFULLY RECREATED. NEW YORK IN THE NINETEEN THIRTIES LEAD THE WORLD IN STYLE WITH ITS NEW AUTOMOBILES, THE CHRYSLER AND EMPIRE STATE BUILDINGS, FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, 'HIGH SOCIETY' AND ABOVE ALL JAZZ. THE ANGULAR SIMPLICITY OF THIS RANGE EXPRESSES ALL THAT WAS CORRECT IN A NEW EXPLOSION OF DESIGN AND CULTURE. BOTH TIMELESS AND TIMELY THIS BASIN WILL REMAIN A CLASSIC DESIGN FOR ALL TIME. I HAVE NAMED IT AFTER ITS UPTOWN ORIGINS — METROPOLE.

NEW YORK CITY  
STREET SCENE IN  
THE 1930S (PHOTO:  
COURTESY OF THE  
HULTON GETTY  
ARCHIVE)



angular simplicity





# metro tiles

LEFROY BROOKS  
MANUFACTURES THE  
RANGE OF WHITE  
METRO TILES SEEN  
THROUGHOUT THIS  
BROCHURE

LB 6100 WHITE  
BEVELLED EDGE TILES  
75 x 150mm  
*(one box covers 0.5m<sup>2</sup> area)*

LB 6101 WHITE  
BEVELLED EDGE TILES  
75 x 75mm  
*(one box covers 0.5m<sup>2</sup> area)*

LB 6130 WHITE  
BEVELLED EDGE TILES  
100 x 200mm  
*(one box covers 0.5m<sup>2</sup> area)*

LB 6131 WHITE  
BEVELLED EDGE TILES  
100 x 100mm  
*(one box covers 0.5m<sup>2</sup> area)*

LB 6150 WHITE  
FLAT TILES  
(METRO TILE AS  
ABOVE WITHOUT  
BEVEL)  
75 x 150mm  
*(one box covers 0.5m<sup>2</sup> area)*

LB 6151 WHITE  
FLAT TILES  
75 x 75mm  
*(one box covers 0.5m<sup>2</sup> area)*

LB 6180 WHITE  
FLAT TILES  
100 x 200mm  
*(one box covers 0.5m<sup>2</sup> area)*

LB 6181 WHITE  
FLAT TILES  
100 x 100mm  
*(one box covers 0.5m<sup>2</sup> area)*

PREVIOUS PAGES  
AND ABOVE  
METROPOLE BASIN  
LB 7303 WITH CERAMIC  
LEVER TAP AND POP-UP  
WASTE WL 1224 SHOWN  
WITH METROPOLE  
PEDESTAL LB 7304  
W615 x D500 x H880mm

ALSO AVAILABLE LB 7301  
ONE TAP HOLE BASIN  
AND LB 7302 TWO TAP  
HOLE BASIN

CONNAUGHT SOAP  
HOLDER AND CERAMIC  
DISH LB 4505

CONNAUGHT CHINA MUG  
AND HOLDER LB 4502

CONNAUGHT TILTING  
MIRROR LB 4509

THE LEFROY BROOKS  
CLASSIC WATER CLOSET  
AND BIDET WHICH  
FORM PART OF THIS  
SUITE OF SANITARYWARE  
MAY BE SEEN ON  
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FINISHES - SILVER NICKEL,  
CHROME, ANTIQUE GOLD  
AND SATIN NICKEL.

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